

Journal of the Barque Hector

Sept 7th 1842 Thursday morning commences with a calm and very warm we are busily employed mending the foretop sail in the afternoon we finished the top sail and bent it again we have got a light breeze from the Eastward steering to the Southward Latitude 30-28 N.

Sept 8th Friday morning commences with a fair breeze from the S.W. steering N.E. by E. we made all sail busily employed making Spinnaker and Sennet in the afternoon the weather fine and pleasant we furled the foretopgallant sail Latitude 31-8 N.

Sept 9th Saturday morning commences with a light breeze from the S.W. steering E. N.E. with all sail we saw some juncos in the afternoon calm and pleasant until sun down and then we got a light breeze from the S.W. we furled the foretopgallant sail Latitude 31-15 N Longitude 130-28

Sept 10th Sunday morning commences with light breeze from the Southward steering E. by N. with all sail in the afternoon calm and very warm we furled the topgallant sails and hauled up the courses Latitude 31-24 N.

Sept 11th Monday morning commences with a light breeze from the Southward steering E. by N. with all sail we are busily employed painting the boat and some off the hands are making nets in the afternoon we raised a sail off our forequarter Latitude 31-34 N.

Sept 12 Tuesday morning commences with a light breeze from the S.W. steering E. by S. we are busily employed mending the fore sail we saw a sail in sight all day in the afternoon we finished the sail and bent it again and furled the foretopgallant sail

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Sept 13th Wednesday morning commences with light breeze from the Southward steering E. by S. with all sail we are busily employed breaking out for water with a sail in sight in the afternoon we saw ship and the Captain Lawrence down the main boat and went on board of the ship she proved to be the whale ship Elizabeth of Salem Mass. 30 months out 1300 barrels landed in to port the Captain staid till after dark Latitude 30-18 Longitude 131-45 East

Sept 14th Thursday morning commences with light breeze from the S.W. steering E. with all sail we saw a large blue fish and down down the main boat and got him with the sail still in sight in the afternoon it died away calm and very hot the Captain of the Elizabeth came on board and staid till 4 o'clock and then he went on board again and staid till 10 o'clock from the Eastward and kept in company all night

Sept 15 Friday morning commences with light breeze from the Eastward accompanied with light rains with all sail and still in company bore in to port in the afternoon the weather still the same with light baffling winds

Sept 16 Saturday morning commences with light breeze from the Eastward steering N. by E. with all sail and still in company with the Elizabeth in the afternoon the wind still the same with nothing in sight we are busily employed making Spinnaker and Sennet